

## REMARKS

This is in response to the office action dated November 2, 2004. Applicant notes the objection to the specification in paragraph 1 of the office action and appropriate correction has been made. Replacement pages 1 and 8 are submitted herewith to correct typographical errors.

Claims 1, 2 and 3 have been amended in response to the claim rejections under 35 USC Section 112.

Claim 3 has been amended so as to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2 and to clarify the claim language.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 therein and now recites the support of the cable protecting sheet with the end fitting members through the sheet length adjusting mechanism.

Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate some of the limitations of claim 1. Additionally claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 therein and now recites the support of the cable protecting sheet with the end fitting members through the sheet length adjusting mechanism.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moritz et al. (Re. 35,579) in view of Moritz (4,384,594). Claims 1 and 2 have been amended as stated above to include the recitation of supporting the cable protecting sheet with the end fitting members through the sheet length adjusting mechanism. Neither the '579 patent nor the '594 patent teach or suggest

the limitation which has been included in amended claims 1 and 2 and, as such, are believed to be patentable.

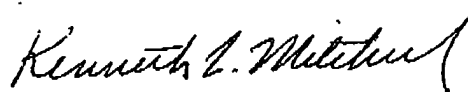
Reconsideration of amended claims 1, 2, and 3 is respectfully requested.

Applicants note the determination of allowable subject matter and that subject matter is now found in claims 1, 2 and 3. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful review of this application.

The application is now believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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